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BY HAND DELIVERY

Jeff S. Jordan, Esq. Federal Election Commission 999 E Street, NW Washington, DC 20463

Re: MURs <u>5564</u>

Dear Mr. Jordan:

My firm is counsel to Tony Knowles for U.S. Senate and Leslie Ridle as Treasurer (collectively, "Respondents"). A copy of the Designation of Counsel to that effect is enclosed with this letter. I write to seek an extension of time in which to respond to the complaints in the above-referenced MURs.

Respondents received the complaint in MUR 5564 on or about October 25, 2004, and understand that their response in that matter would normally be due today. They received the complaints in MUR 5576 on or about November 2, 2004, and understand that their responses in those matters would normally be due November 17, 2004. However, Respondents require additional time to develop the information that would permit them to respond to each of the complaints.

As each of the complaints address slightly different subject matter, Respondents will submit a separate response for each one. However, to simplify the development of information and the formulation of responses, Respondents would prefer to submit responses to all three of the above complaints on the same day. Accordingly, Respondents respectfully request a 30-day extension from today for all three complaints, so that they will be permitted to respond to all three on or before Thursday, December 9, 2004.

Please advise me as soon as possible regarding the requested extension. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours/

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Counsel to Respondents



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The above named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on
my behalf before the Commission.
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Information is being sought as part of an investigation being conducted by the Federal Election Commission and the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) apply. This section prohibits making public any investigation conducted by the Federal Election Commission without the express written consent of the person under investigation.